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SUBJECT:GUINEAN INTEREST IN BOEING AIRCRAFT

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1. BOEING REPRESENTATIVE STOFFEL MET WITH AMBASSADOR
HARROP ON AUGUST 9 TO DISCUSS GUINEAN INTEREST IN COMMERCIAL
AIRCRAFT PER REFTELS. HARROP INDICATED THAT US GUINEAN RELA-
TIONS IN STATE OF FLUX BUT IMPROVING OVERALL SINCE VISIT
OF PRIME MINISTER TO WASHINGTON IN JUNE. GUINEA TRYING TO
DECREASE DEPENDENCE ON SOVIETS FOR AID AND PURCHASING.
GUINEANS HAVE BEEN USING SOVIET AIRCRAFT FOR DOMESTIC AND
VERY LIMITED INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC. SPARE PARTS ARE LACK-
ING, CRAFT MUST BE RETURNED TO USSR FOR REPAIR AND SOVIETS
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DEMAND PAYMENT IN HARD CURRENCY. GUINEAN FOREIGN EXCHANGE
SITUATION IMPROVING BUT GUINEA WILL PROBABLY PRESS VERY HARD
FOR PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT ON BEST POSSIBLE CREDIT TERMS.

2. STOFFEL INDICATED THAT BOEING VICE PRESIDENT FOR AFRICA,
FITZGERALD, PRESENTLY MOVING OFFICE FROM ROME TO PARIS,
WOULD PROBABLY CONTACT EMBASSY DIRECTLY ABOUT VISIT.

HARROP INDICATED THAT GUINEAN GOVERNMENT WOULD PROBABLY
ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS AND THAT FITZGERALD SHOULD KEEP IN
CLOSE TOUCH WITH U.S. EMBASSY IN CONAKRY DURING VISIT.

STOFFEL STATED THAT 707 DID NOT APPEAR TO BE GOOD AIRCRAFT
FOR GUINEA'S NEEDS BUT 727 MIGHT BE GOOD INTERIM PURCHASE.
BOEING COULD TRAIN PERSONNEL IN MAINTENANCE BUT EXPECTS
THAT GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORK WOULD BE CONTRACTED OUT TO
OTHER AIRLINES IN AFRICA SUCH AS SABENA.

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